

## FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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## <u>CERTIFIED MAIL</u> <u>RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED</u>

Ms. Carmen Balber Foundation for Taxpayer and Consumer Rights 1750 Ocean Park Boulevard, #200 Santa Monica, CA 90405-4938

RE: MUR 5342
Chamber of Commerce of the United States (a/k/a U.S. Chamber of Commerce)
National Beer Wholesalers Association, Inc.
Business-Industry Political Action
Committee (a/k/a BIPAC Action Fund)
and Allan D. Cors, as treasurer
BIPAC's Institute for Political Analysis
Household International, Inc.

## Dear Ms. Balber:

On February 26, 2004, the Federal Election Commission reviewed the allegations in your complaint dated December 17, 2002, and found that on the basis of the information provided in your complaint, and information provided by the respondents, there is no reason to believe any of the above-named respondents violated 2 U.S.C. § 441b. Accordingly, on February 26, 2004, the Commission closed the file in this matter.

Documents related to the case will be placed on the public record within 30 days. See Statement of Policy Regarding Disclosure of Closed Enforcement and Related Files, 68 Fed. Reg. 70,426 (Dec. 18, 2003). A copy of the dispositive General Counsel's Report is enclosed for your information.

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The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, allows a complainant to seek judicial review of the Commission's dismissal of this action. See 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(8).

Sincerely,

Lawrence H. Norton

General Counsel

BY: Lawrence L. Calvert Jr.

Deputy Associate General Counsel

for Enforcement

Enclosure

General Counsel's Report